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What is claimed is:

- 1 1. An access restriction information setting method which
- 2 sets up access restriction information on a storage device,
- 3 in a storage area network system having the storage device
- 4 which determines right or wrong of an access request to a
- 5 volume in accordance with access restriction information
- 6 which is set up on a port which receives the request, and
- 7 a host computer which transmits an access request to said
- 8 storage device through a first network, , comprising:
- 9 a first step for obtaining access restriction
- 10 information and information of a volume which are set up
- on each port that a first storage device has, through a second
- 12 network;
- a second step for obtaining attribute information
- 14 including a port type and a status of utilization of each
- 15 port that a second storage device has, from said second storage
- 16 device through said second network;
- 17 a third step for selecting a port of said second storage
- 18 device which is utilized for an access to a volume that said
- 19 first storage device has or had, on the basis of attribute
- 20 information of each port that said second storage device
- 21 has, which is obtained in said second step; and
- 22 a fourth step for setting up, on a port of said second
- 23 storage device which is selected in said third stop, access
- 24 restriction information of a port of said first storage device

- 25 to which a volume, of which the port is utilized for an access,
- 26 is assigned, on the basis of access restriction information
- 27 and information of a volume of each port that said first
- 28 storage device has, which are obtained in said first step.
- 1 2. An access restriction information setting method
- 2 according to Claim 1, wherein
- 3 said third step selects a target port which is utilized
- 4 for reception of an access request to a volume that said
- 5 first storage device has from said host computer, and an
- 6 initiator port which is utilized for transmission of an access
- 7 request to a volume that said first storage device has from
- 8 said second storage device, and
- said fourth step sets up, on a target port of said second
- 10 storage device which is selected in said third step, access
- 11 restriction information of a port of said first storage device
- 12 to which a volume, of which the port is utilized for an access,
- 13 is assigned, and permits only an access request to access
- 14 restriction information of said first storage device to which
- 15 the volume is assigned from an initiator port of said second
- 16 storage device which is selected in said third step.
 - 1 3. An access restriction information setting method
 - 2 according to Claim 1, wherein
 - 3 said first step obtains access restriction information
 - 4 which is set up on each port that a first storage device

- 5 has and information of a volume, from said first storage
- 6 device through said second network.
- 1 4. An access restriction information setting method
- 2 according to Claim 1, wherein
- 3 said first step specifies access restriction
- 4 information which is set up on each port that a first storage
- 5 device has and information of a volume, by obtaining
- 6 information of a port of said host computer which is utilized
- 7 for an access to a volume that said first storage device
- 8 has and information of a port of said first storage device,
- 9 from said host computer through said second network.
- 1 5. An access restriction information setting method
- 2 according to Claim 1, further comprising:
- 3 a fifth step for changing a port of said first storage
- 4 device which is associated with each mount point of a file
- 5 system of said host computer and a volume which is assigned
- to the port, to a port of said second storage device which
- 7 is utilized for an access to the volume and a volume which
- 8 is defined on the port.
- 1 6. An access restriction information setting method
- 2 according to Claim I, wherein
- 3 said first storage device sets up access restriction
- 4 information on each port, by use of a first management table

- 5 in which an information identifier of a volume and a source
- 6 port of an access to be permitted are listed with a LUN unit
- 7 with respect to each port, and
- 8 said second storage device sets up access restriction
- 9 information on each port, by use of a second management table
- 10 in which a LUN and an identifier of a volume are listed with
- 11 a group unit of source ports of an access to be permitted
- 12 with respect to each port, and
- said first step obtains said first management table,
- 14 and
- said fourth step prepares said second management table
- 16 as to each port of said second storage device which is selected
- in said third step, on the basis of a listed content of said
- 18 first management table which is obtained in said first step
- 19 as to each port of said first storage device to which a volume,
- 20 of which said port is utilized for an access, is assigned,
- 21 and updates said second management table that said second
- 22 storage device has.
 - 1 7. An access restriction information setting method
 - 2 according to Claim 1, wherein
 - 3 in case that said host computer has a plurality of paths
 - 4 which are used for an access to the same volume, a process
 - 5 of said fourth step to the volume is carried out at least
 - 6 twice separately to said plurality of paths.

- 1 8. An access restriction information setting method
- 2 according to Claim 1, wherein
- 3 said second network is different from said first
- 4 network.
- 1 9. An access restriction information setting apparatus
- 2 which sets up access restriction information on a storage
- 3 device, in a storage area network system having the storage
- 4 device which determines right or wrong of an access request
- 5 to a volume in accordance with access restriction information
- 6 which is set up on a port which receives the request, and
- In a host computer which transmits an access request to said
- 8 storage device through a first network, comprising:
- 9 obtaining unit which obtains access restriction
- 10 information and information of a volume which are set up
- 11 on each port that a first storage device has, and attribute
- 12 information including a port type and a status of utilization
- 13 of each port that a second storage device has, through a
- 14 second network;
- selecting unit which selects a port of said second
- 16 storage device which is utilized for an access to a volume
- 17 that said first storage device has or had, on the basis of
- 18 attribute information of each port that said second storage
- 19 device has, which is obtained in said obtaining unit; and
- setting unit which sets up, on a port of said second
- 21 storage device which is selected in said selecting unit.

- 22 access restriction information of a port of said first storage
- 23 device to which a volume, of which the port is utilized for
- 24 an access, is assigned, on the basis of access restriction
- 25 information and information of a volume of each port that
- 26 said first storage device has, which are obtained in said
- 27 obtaining unit.
 - 1 10. An access restriction information setting system
- 2 having first and second storage devices which determine right
- 3 or wrong of an access request to a volume in accordance with
- 4 access restriction information which is set up on a port
- b which receives the request, a host computer which transmits
- 6 an access request to said first and second storage devices
- 7 through a first network, and an access restriction
- 8 information setting device which is connected to said first
- 9 and second storage devices through a second network, wherein
- 10 said access restriction information satting device
- 11 comprising:
- 12 obtaining unit which obtains access restriction
- 13 information and information of a volume which are set up
- 14 on each port that said first storage device has, and allribule
- 15 information including a port type and a status of utilization
- 16 of each port that said second storage device has, through
- 17 a second network;
- selecting unit which selects a port of said second
- 19 storage device which is utilized for an access to a volume

20 that said first storage device has or had, on the basis of 21 attribute information of each port that said second storage 22 device has, which is obtained in said obtaining unit; and 23 setting unit which sets up, on a port of said second 24 storage device which is selected in said selection unit, 25 access restriction information of a port of said first storage 26 device to which a volume, of which the port is utilized for 27 an access, is assigned, on the basis of access restriction 28 information and information of a volume of each port that 29 said first storage device has, which are obtained in said

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obtaining unit.

- 1 11. A computer-readable program for setting access 2 restriction information on a storage device, in a storage 3 area network system having the storage device which 4 determines right or wrong of an access request to a volume 5 in accordance with access restriction information which is 6 set up on a port which receives the request, and a host computer 7 which transmits an access request to said storage device 8 through a first network, wherein said programmakes a computer 9 execute:
- a first step for obtaining access restriction information and information of a volume which are set up on each port that a first storage device has, through a second network;
- a second step for obtaining attribute information

- 15 including a port type and a status of utilization of each
- 16 port that a second storage device has, from said second storage
- 17 device through said second network;
- 18 a third step for selecting a port of said second storage
- 19 device which is utilized for an access to a volume that said
- 20 first storage device has or had, on the basis of attribute
- 21 information of each port that said second storage device
- 22 has, which is obtained in said second step; and
- a fourth step for setting up, on a port of said second
- 24 storage device which is selected in said third step, access
- 25 restriction information of a port of said first storage device
- 26 to which a volume, of which the port is utilized for an access,
- 27 is assigned, on the basis of access restriction information
- 28 and information of a volume of each port that said first
- 29 storage device has, which are obtained in said first step.
 - 1 12. An access restriction information setting method in
- 2 which, in a storage area network system having the storage
- 3 device which determines right or wrong of an access request
- 4 to a volume in accordance with access restriction information
- 5 which is set up on a port which receives the request, and
- 6 a host computer which transmits an access request to said
- 7 storage device through a first network, an access restriction
- 8 information setting device which is connected to said storage
- 9 device through a second network sets up access restriction
- 10 information on said storage device, wherein

- said access restriction information setting device
- 12 obtains access restriction information and
- 13 information of a volume which are set up on each port that
- 14 a first storage device has, through said second network,
- 15 obtains attribute information including a port type
- 16 and a status of utilization of each port that said second
- 17 storage device has, from said second storage device through
- 18 said second network,
- selects a port of said second storage device which is
- 20 utilized for an access to a volume that said first storage
- 21 device has or had, on the basis of attribute information
- 22 of each port that said second storage device has, which is
- 23 obtained as above, and
- sets up, on a port of said second storage device which
- 25 is selected as above, access restriction information of a
- 26 port of said first storage device to which a volume, of which
- 27 the port is utilized for an access, is assigned, on the basis
- 28 of access restriction information and information of a volume
- 29 of each port that said first storage device has, which are
- 30 obtained as above.
 - 1 13. An access restriction information setting apparatus
 - 2 which sets up access restriction information on a storage
 - 3 device, in a storage area network system having the storage
 - 4 device which determines right or wrong of an access request
 - 5 to a volume in accordance with access restriction information

- 6 which is set up on a port which receives the request, and
- 7 a host computer which transmits an access request to said
- 8 storage device through a first network, comprising:
- 9 a network I/F unit which is utilized for connecting
- 10 to said second network, and a calculation unit,
- 11 wherein, said calculation unit
- 12 obtains access restriction information and
- 13 information of a volume which are set up on each port that
- 14 a first storage device has, from said first storage device
- 15 and attribute information including a port type and a status
- 16 of utilization of each port that the second storage device
- 17 has, from said second storage device, through said network
- 18 I/F unit,
- selects a port of said second storage device which is
- 20 utilized for an access to a volume that said first storage
- 21 device has or had, on the basis of attribute information
- 22 of each port that said second storage device has, which is
- 23 obtained as above, and
- sets up, on a port of said second storage device which
- 25 is selected as above, through said network I/F unit, access
- 26 restriction information of a port of said first storage device
- 27 to which a volume, of which the port is utilized for an access,
- 28 is assigned, on the basis of access restriction information
- 29 and information of a volume of each port that said first
- 30 storage device has, which are obtained as above.

- 1 14. An access restriction information setting system
- 2 having first and second storage devices which determine right
- 3 or wrong of an access request to a volume in accordance with
- 4 access restriction information which is set up on a port
- 5 which receives the request, a host computer which transmits
- 6 an access request to said first and second storage devices
- 7 through a first network, and an access restriction
- 8 information setting device which is connected to said first
- 9 and second storage devices through a second network, wherein
- said access restriction information setting apparatus
- 11 has a network I/F unit which is utilized for connecting
- 12 to said second network, and a calculation unit, and
- 13 said calculation unit
- 14 obtains access restriction information and
- 15 information of a volume which are set up on each port that
- 16 a first storage device has, and attribute information
- 17 including a port type and a status of utilization of each
- 18 port that a second storage device has, from said second storage
- 19 device, through said network I/F unit,
- 20 selects a port of said second storage device which is
- 21 utilized for an access to a volume that said first storage
- 22 device has or had, on the basis of attribute information
- 23 of each port that said second storage device has, which is
- 24 obtained as above, and
- 25 sets up, on a port of said second storage device which
- 26 is selected as above, through said network I/F unit, access

- 27 restriction information of a port of said first storage device
- 28 to which a volume, of which the port is utilized for an access,
- 29 is assigned, on the basis of access restriction information
- 30 and information of a volume of each port that said first
- 31 storage device has, which are obtained as above.
 - 1 15. An access restriction information setting system
 - 2 having first and second storage devices which determine right
 - 3 or wrong of an access request to a volume in accordance with
 - 4 access restriction information which is set up on a port
 - 5 which receives the request, a host computer which transmits
 - 6 an access request to said first and second storage devices,
- 7 a Fibre Channel switch which configures a Fibre Channel
- 8 network which connects between said first and second storage
- 9 devices and said host computer, a management server which
- 10 sets up access restriction information on said first and
- 11 second storage devices, and a LAN which connects between
- 12 said first and second storage devices and said management
- 13 server, wherein
- said first and second storage devices have a FC I/F
- 15 which connects to said Fibre Channel switch, and
- 16 said management server
- 17 has a LAN I/F unit which is utilized for connecting
- 18 to said MAN, and a calculation unit, and
- 19 said calculation unit
- 20 obtains access restriction information and

- 21 information of a volume which are set up on each port of
- 22 the FC I/F that a first storage device has from said first
- 23 storage device, and attribute information including a port
- 24 type and a status of utilization of each port of the FC I/F
- 25 that the second storage device has, from said second storage
- 26 device, through said LAN I/F unit,
- 27 selects a port of a FC I/F on said second storage device
- 28 which is utilized for an access to a volume that said first
- 29 storage device has or had, on the basis of attribute
- 30 information of each port of the FC I/F that said second storage
- 31 device has, which is obtained as above, and
- sets up, on a port of the FC I/F of said second storage
- 33 device which is selected as above through said LAN I/F unit,
- 34 access restriction information of a port of the FC I/F of
- 35 said first storage device to which a volume, of which the
- 36 port is utilized for an access, is assigned, on the basis
- 37 of access restriction information and information of a volume
- 38 of each port of the FC I/F that said first storage device
- 39 has, which are obtained as above.
- 1 16. An access restriction information setting apparatus
- 2 according to claim 13, wherein
- 3 said calculation unit
- obtains the access restriction information and the
- 5 information of the volume which are set up on each port that
- b said tirst storage device has, from said first storage device,

- 7 through said second network,
- 8 selects, as the port of the second storage, a target
- 9 port which is utilized for receiving an access request from
- 10 said host computer to a volume that said first storage device
- ll has, and an initiator port which is utilized for sending
- 12 an access request from said second storage device to a volume
- 13 that said first storage device has, and
- 14 sets up access restriction information of a port of
- 15 said first storage device to which a volume, of which the
- 16 port is utilized for an access, is assigned, on the selected
- 17 target port of the second storage device, and in addition,
- 18 updates access restriction information of a port of said
- 19 first storage device to which the volume is assigned so as
- 20 to permit an access request only from the selected initiator
- 21 port of said second storage device.
- 1 17. An access restriction information setting apparatus
- 2 according to claim 13, wherein
- 3 said calculation unit specifies access restriction
- 4 information which is set up on each port that said first
- 5 storage device has and information of a volume, by obtaining
- 6 a port of said host computer which is utilized for an access
- 7 to a volume that said first storage device has and information
- 8 of a port of said first storage device, from said host computer
- 9 through said second network.

- 1 18. An access restriction information setting apparatus
- 2 according to claim 13, wherein
- 3 said calculation unit
- 4 changes a port of said first storage device which is
- 5 associated with each mount point of a file system of said
- 6 host computer and a volume which is assigned to the port,
- / to a port of said second storage device which is utilized
- 8 for an access to the volume and a volume which is defined
- 9 on the port.
- 1 19. An access restriction information setting apparatus
- 2 according to claim 13, wherein
- 3 said first storage device sets up access restriction
- 4 information on each port, by use of a first management table
- 5 on which an information identifier of a volume and a source
- 6 port of an access to be permitted are listed with a LUN unit
- 7 with respect to each port, and
- 8 said second storage device sets up access restriction
- 9 information on each port, by use of a second management table
- 10 on which a LUN and an identifier of a volume are listed with
- 11 a group unit of source ports of an access to be permitted
- 12 with respect to each port, and
- 13 said calculation unit
- obtains said first management table, and prepares said
- 15 second management table as to each port of said second storage
- 16 device which is selected as above, on the basis of a listed

- 17 content of said first management table, and updates said
- 18 second management table which said second storage device
- 19 has.
- 1 20. An access restriction information setting apparatus
- 2 according to claim 13, wherein
- 3 in a case that said host computer has a plurality of
- paths which are used for an access to the same volume, a
- 5 process of setting up said access restriction information
- 6 to a volume is carried out at least twice separately to said
- 7 plurality of paths.